

## NORKIN IS INDICTED ALONG WITH BECKER

Bronx Grand Jury Returns  
Joint Charge of First  
Degree Murder.

## NORKIN MAID MISSING

Prosecutor Investigates the  
Disappearance of Fan-  
nie Bloom in 1915.

## LAST SEARCH WAS VAIN

New Becker Indictment  
Supersedes One Found Against  
Him Friday.

The Bronx County Grand Jury returned a joint indictment yesterday charging first degree murder against Abraham Becker and Ruben Norkin in the killing of Mrs. Jennie Becker, whose body was found buried in an abandoned boiler pit on Southern Boulevard a week ago to-day.

The indictment was handed to Supreme Court Justice O'Malley. The men will be arraigned to-morrow before County Judge Gibbs, before whom Assistant District Attorney Cohn hopes to have the defendants tried. The new indictment against Becker supersedes the one found against him last Friday.

Mr. Cohn announced that to-day he would begin a thorough investigation into the disappearance of Fannie Bloom, who was last seen in Norkin's home in January, 1915, where she was employed as a maid. The announcement came after a visit to Mr. Cohn yesterday afternoon of Miss K. Courtney Johnston, a lawyer, who was appointed guardian for the Bloom girl last spring. Miss Johnston was one of the heirs to the estate of her brother who was killed by a railroad accident in Oklahoma.

## Girl Was Missing Before.

Miss Johnston told reporters that she had turned information over to Mr. Cohn which might possibly lead to a solution of the disappearance of Miss Bloom, who, she said, had a reputation of being somewhat weak minded. Mr. Cohn said that Miss Johnston gave him little information, but did say it was not the first time Miss Bloom had disappeared. It is probable the lot back of Norkin's shop will be further dug up in an effort to find a possible trace of the girl.

County Judge Gibbs has appointed Alexander A. Mayper, 149 Broadway, for five years an assistant to former District Attorney Jerome, and Charlie V. Halley, Jr., of 505 East Tremont avenue

## Artificial Arm May Reform Convict Forger

WILL Convict Frank Elliott of Sing Sing be able to keep out of trouble now that the flesh and blood arm which continually got him into difficulties has been replaced by a cunningly contrived artificial member? Dr. Amos O. Squire, chief physician of the prison, made a shopping trip to this city yesterday and purchased a substitute arm for Elliott, whose right arm was torn off at the elbow while working over a machine several weeks ago. He himself said that maybe he could go straight now that the offending arm was gone. Forgery and fraud have been his failings.

as counsel for Becker. The two attorneys may also defend Norkin.

"Becker has been subjected to a most extraordinary inquisition," said Mr. Mayper. "While statements have been given out that Becker has contradicted himself, it must be borne in mind that until now he has not been represented by counsel and has not had the advantage of impartial advice. He has been surrounded by prosecutors and the police and has been grilled almost daily for hours upon hours at a stretch. It should be borne in mind that the prosecutors have been preparing this case for months and want a speedy trial. They are entitled to it, but not to a trial that does not permit the defense time for proper preparation of its case. We have been in the case scarcely a day. The public mind has been inflamed and vengeance is demanded."

## Case Moves Swiftly.

The case, as a matter of fact, has developed swiftly. On November 23 Anna Elias, Becker's sweetheart, was questioned by Mr. Cohn. The following day Becker was held as a material witness. On November 25, 27 and 28 detectives dug in the lot alongside of Norkin's wedding shop. On November 29 Norkin was examined by Mr. Cohn and told that Becker had struck his wife and then buried her. The following day her body was found. She is supposed to have been murdered about midnight on April 6.

The indictment charges that Norkin was jointly guilty with Becker. Becker still asserts that Norkin was the actual murderer.

Among the fourteen witnesses heard by the Grand Jury yesterday was Morris Bloom of 547 East 140th street, who is employed in a poultry market about 150 feet opposite the spot where the body was discovered. He told Mr. Cohn that on April 6 or 7 he saw three men digging around the murder pit. He identified two of the men as Becker and Norkin.

## BROOKLYN ACADEMY REJECTS MASONS' BID

Leeming Denies Any Thought  
of Selling Structure.

Thomas L. Leeming, president of the board of trustees of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, denied last night a report that the academy is for sale. Mr. Leeming admitted that a Masonic body offered to purchase, bringing the matter up four different times.

"It is absurd," exclaimed Mr. Leeming last night. "The academy is not for sale. There is no thought of it." It is understood that \$1,000,000 was offered. The academy is regarded as the civic center of the borough.

## WILD RIOT OPENS NEW FILM THEATER

Rumor That Show Was Free  
Brings Crowd That  
Wrecks Lobby.

A riot which was not billed as one of the features of the opening of the Fugazy Theater, a motion picture house at West Houston and Macdougall streets, caused considerable trouble last night, when nearly 3,000 residents of the neighborhood attempted to storm the theater, thinking that the show was free. The audience of some 1,800 invited guests, including many men and women prominent in political and social life, had difficulty in getting into the theater until the reserves from the Charles street station arrived and dispersed the mob.

Humbert J. Fugazy, owner of the new theater, had invited a long list of distinguished guests, and everything was set for a first class opening night. Senator James J. Walker was master of ceremonies and escaped the mob by arriving early. As the guests filed into the new theater without purchasing tickets the residents of the neighborhood began to wonder, and then they decided that it was an invitation affair and promptly started a concerted march on the lobby.

In no time there were several hundred jammed inside the lobby and as several hundred more started to push their way into the theater, the news having spread that there was a "free show" on, the ornate glass doors gave way with a crash and several of the lobby frames were demolished. On the outskirts of the mob many of the distinguished guests attempted in vain to get by. The mob wouldn't recognize their invitations and it was a case of every man for himself.

Among those who were on the guest list and succeeded in getting into the theater were Judges John Freschi and Francis X. Mancuso, Leopold Prince, George Loft, Thomas Foley and Sheriff Percy Nagle. The ushers finding it impossible to stem the onrushing tide of free patrons, who swarmed into the best seats, sent for the reserves and after an hour's work police lines were drawn about a block from the theater and only those with invitations were permitted to remain in the theater.

## PAYS \$320 FOR CELLARETTE.

Properties of W. J. Cooke Bring  
\$7,719 at Open House Sale.

Artistic furnishings owned by Wilbur J. Cooke of Philadelphia, which were placed on sale at the Anderson Galleries yesterday afternoon, brought \$7,719 at the first session. The second session will be held this afternoon.

E. N. Smith paid \$320 for a mahogany inlaid cellarette. Mrs. Frances Gardner \$275 for an eighteenth century bracket clock. Miss W. Wolff \$285 for an old oak open dresser. J. H. Burton \$225 for a mahogany sofa table. E. L. Crocker \$100 for six carved beech chairs, the same price for four accompanying armchairs, \$300 for the settle matching the preceding and \$200 for a maple gateleg table.

A mahogany book front bureau, acquired from the estate of Amos Cooke of Hartford, Conn., sold to H. M. Lehman for \$500; a rare mahogany serpentine front bureau of the eighteenth century to Mrs. Frances Gardner for \$400 and a pair of high brass candlesticks to order for \$420.

## ORGANIZE TO AID NEAR EAST TRADE

Federated American Chambers  
of Commerce Backed by  
Big Business Men.

The Federated American Chambers of Commerce of the Near East has been organized by business men heading large corporations actively trading in the Near East. Headquarters of the new organization are at 29 Broadway.

The Federation is composed of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant, with headquarters at Constantinople; the American Chamber of Commerce in Greece, with headquarters at Athens; and the American Chamber of Commerce of Egypt, with headquarters at Alexandria. The purpose is to encourage trade and commerce between the United States and the countries of the Near East. The organization already maintains offices in Constantinople, Athens and Alexandria, and is prepared to furnish trade information to exporters and manufacturers, and to facilitate the development of trade certain to follow the Conference of Lausanne.

Lucien Irving Thomas of the Standard Oil Company of New York, is the president of the Federated Chambers, while James M. Dixon of the Tobacco Products Company, is chairman of the board. Other officials are J. F. Lucey of the Lucey Manufacturing Corporation, vice-president; Neal Dow Becker of the Hammond Typewriting Company, treasurer, and E. E. Pratt, secretary.

## KLAN DENIES BLAME IN CANADIAN FIRES

Half a Dozen Catholic Institutions  
Damaged in 2 Weeks.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—A denial that the Ku Klux Klan was in any way responsible for the half a dozen fires in the last fortnight in Catholic institutions in widely separated cities of Canada was made in this telegram from William J. Simmons of Atlanta, Ga., Imperial Wizard of the Klan: "Authorize you to make categorical denial that the Ku Klux Klan is in any way responsible for incendiary fires in Canada or elsewhere."

Mayor Martin, it is said, has received communications signed "K. K. K." claiming responsibility for the Montreal University fire of two weeks ago, and he to-day said that "K. K. K." threats to burn other Catholic institutions have been received.

OKA, Quebec, Dec. 5.—Priceless historical records of the early days of New France were lost to-day in a fire that swept the rest house of the Sulpician Church. The damage was estimated at \$100,000. The Sulpician Church and the convent of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame escaped. The monastery of the Trappist Monks, near by, was not touched. St. Boniface College, near Winnipeg, was destroyed November 25, and ten students lost their lives. The dental school of the University of Montreal was damaged twice last month and Juvenat College was damaged in the blaze that devastated Terrebonne on December 1.

## SEEKING \$340,000 OF STOLEN BONDS

Philadelphia Business Men In-  
volved in Search.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Prominent Philadelphia business men are involved in the finding of \$340,000 worth of stolen negotiable securities in one of the largest national banks in the city and subpoenas were issued for the men to appear before the Federal Grand Jury Thursday and explain where they obtained the bonds.

The securities are part of the \$1,300,000 lost taken from a mail truck in New York a year ago, and for which three men are serving terms in prison. They were presented to the bank for four loans aggregating \$274,000.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Chief of Detectives Michael Hughes assigned a squad of detectives to search Chicago to-day for James Mullen, who obtained a loan of \$16,000 on \$21,000 worth of Argentine bonds, part of the proceeds of the theft of \$434,000 worth of Argentine securities from Harrington, Bligham and Englar, 64 Wall street, New York, in October, 1921. The bonds were deposited by Mullen at the Independent State Bank of Chicago. Mullen was introduced to the bank by two well known Chicago gamblers, "Irish" Anxiter and his brother, "Loving" Putty.

## LUDWIG BAUMANN & CO. TO MOVE ON MONDAY

Large New Building Affords  
Greater Facilities.

The well known furniture firm of Ludwig Baumann & Co. will move into its new home on Monday when the twelve story building covering the entire block between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, on Eighth avenue, is formally opened to the public. There will be no ceremony marking the opening of the new building and business will continue in the new establishment just as it was at the present home of the furniture concern. The new building will give the company added room and the opportunity of introducing improvements under consideration for some time, and called for by the large volume of business which this firm has transacted during the past year.

A formal official opening ceremony will take place on December 14, when the 300 employees of the firm will meet and present a fountain as a testimonial to their employers. On the fountain, which will occupy a prominent place in the new store, will be engraved the names of each one of the employees of the firm. The various officers of the firm, including S. J. Baumann, president; S. L. Froelich, treasurer, and Vice President Martin Wortman will be present at the ceremony.

The new building has been so laid out as to arrange for extensive display of each article of home furnishing. Each floor will be devoted to one particular phase of the business. On one will be draperies, hangings and upholstery; another will display pianos and furniture, while others will be devoted entirely to rugs, carpets, linoleum, &c. Four of the floors will not be used at present, but will be rented out as office space. The new delivery department, on the sixth floor, has an innovation in its demountable system of delivery car loading. While a driver is delivering his load of furniture, an entire car body is being loaded in the building, and on his return the empty car body is switched off and the loaded one attached at once. This will eliminate most of the warehouse work which the company has had to do.

## THREE MAKE MAY POLE OF STALLED LIMOUSINE

Girl, Chauffeur and Friend  
Fined for Street Dance.

The comparative peace that usually prevails at 2 o'clock in the morning at First avenue and Forty-fifth street was disturbed early yesterday by a young woman and two men who were pretending that a stalled limousine in which they had been riding was a May pole. The three were dancing around it merrily when Patrolman George Stierhoff decided it was time to arrest them.

The young woman said she was Miss May Boyle of 505 West 131st street, an artist, and the men said that they were Matthew Rufferty, a somewhat skilled laborer of 228 West Sixty-seventh street, and John Conlon, a chauffeur employed by E. L. Lauder, a broker, of 66 Wall street, owner of the limousine. After Magistrate Smith had fined each of the three \$10 for disorderly conduct, Mr. Lauder appeared and claimed the car, but declined to make a charge against the chauffeur or the chauffeur's playmates.

## MYSTERY IN KILLING OF CLOTHING CUTTER

Newsboy Arrested, but Gives  
No Light on Shooting.

Entering the corridor of the building at 715 Broadway, where he was employed as a cutter by a clothing firm, Benjamin Levinsky, 29 years of age, of 160 Ross street, Brooklyn, was shot twice and killed yesterday morning by an unidentified man who escaped. The police appeared to be wholly mystified regarding the cause of the killing.

William Levine, a newsboy of 278 Cherry street, who was seen running from the building after the shots were heard, was held without bail by Magistrate House in the Homelide Court. When arraigned he described himself as William Lipschitz, saying that was his real name.

## WHITE WOMEN WARNED.

Magistrate Tells Them to Keep  
Away From Negro Cabarets.

Magistrate Francis X. McQuade in the Washington Heights Court yesterday delivered a warning to more than four score white men and women who were arrested in a cabaret in the heart of the negro district of Harlem, Sunday morning, and after admonishing them against frequenting dance halls and cabarets in that section discharged them.

Addressing the women Magistrate McQuade said: "There are plenty of white cabarets in this city for you women to go to if you want to. You had better keep away from those colored cabarets."

## SIAM OUT A MOTOR CAR.

Looses Suit to Collect for Minister's  
Wrecked Machine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Kingdom of Siam lost a suit for \$5,000 damages against Mrs. Helen R. Riley of Washington in the District of Columbia Supreme Court to-day.

A collision in January, 1921, between Mrs. Riley's automobile and an electric motor car driven by Phya Prabha Karavongse, the Siamese Minister, led to the suit. The Minister's electric was demolished, but no one was injured. A jury decided Mrs. Riley was not at fault.



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